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**THE OPEN LIGHT.** By Nathaniel Micklem, M.A., with a foreword by Rev. H. A. Thomas. London: Headley Bros., Ltd., 1919. Pp. 166. Price, 4s. 6d. net.

*The Open Light* is a book of tactful and supple apologetic, written for the student mind by a man in close touch with their desires and susceptibilities. By emphasising the mystery of matter, Mr. Micklem leads on to the necessity for a directing mind, and later chapters deal with the problem of evil. The case is put attractively, the argument is pleasantly tricked out with illustration showing Mr. Micklem's wide reading and sympathetic insight; the treatment is neither too optimistic nor superficial, and a great deal can no doubt be accomplished by *manner*, by the sympathetic subtlety of Mr. Micklem's exposition, preaching, as he does here, to those half-converted. *Glissez, n'appuyez pas* is his note; on the question (p. 88) whether prayer is a waste of breath for man when caught in a storm at sea, he tells us it would be "foolish to dogmatise."

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